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MINING NEWS.

The District Preparing For a Big Season's Output.

The Pogue has many hundred tons of gravel spar on the dump and will start the wagons as soon as the roads are solid.

The Kewanee Fire Brick company will resume the exportation of that material from their Stephens mine when the spring time comes.

A large quantity of fine mining machinery has been unloaded at our depot and moved out to the various mining camps during the past month.

The buildings, including equipment machinery recently installed at the Riley mine by the Marion Zinc company represent an outlay of \$10,000. Car loads of machinery have been received and unloaded at Crayneville. Several more are on the way.

It is not improbable that the steam engine will eventually supersede the gasoline in this mining district. The latter engine is too uncertain for hoisting purposes, and there's no telling when it's going to "flake" on you.

The Lucile Mining company are loading two cars for the Lady Enley Furnace in the Birmingham, Ala. district. They also have orders for two cars more to go as soon as they can get it out and loaded. In the month of February this company shipped 500,000 pounds.

The Kentucky Flour Spar company during the past week has shipped on an average a little more than 40 tons per day, or a total for the week of 500,000 lbs. of fluorspar. They also shipped one car load of lead. These products are shipped to the various markets of the country, from Michigan to Connecticut.

The famous Rock Spring coal field, generally known as the Thompson coal fields, and consisting of some one thousand acres, immediately north of the town of Wheatcroft, has just been purchased by Mr. Irving H. Wheatcroft and it is generally thought that the property will be developed immediately, the consideration being \$25,000.

It is generally understood that a new shaft or opening will be made on the property at once and it is probable that a spur line of railroad about a mile long will be built to the center of this coal field, to reach the most advantageous place in which to open it.—Dixon Journal.

The Pogue spar mine, at Frances, is running full time with double shifts, filling an order for ten thousand tons of spar for a southern firm. The company are also negotiating with another firm for the delivery of 15,000 tons of spar annually. This mine is getting out some of the finest white grinding spar in the entire district, and has the most perfect hoisting machinery, washers, etc., that money can buy. This mine is worked by the Marion Mineral company and is in charge of that old reliable mining expert and clever gentleman, Fred Clement, General Superintendent of the company, with Mr. W. A. Oliver as mine boss, and a better mine boss would be hard to find. This mine is now shipping from Mexico six or eight cars of spar weekly, with a daily mine output of about 125 tons.

The Courier-Journal of Wednesday contained the following article:

"C. S. Knight of Fort Wayne, Ind., spent \$10,000 in Louisville, yesterday, for machinery to be used in the new mines of Livingston, Caldwell and Crittenden counties. A rich field of lead, zinc, fluor spar and nickel has been discovered there recently, and eleven shafts have been sunk by Mr. Mc Knight's company. The machinery which was bought yesterday consisted of boilers, engines and drills and other mining appliances which will be installed in those mines.

"Twenty companies are at work in this field, and the investment which has been made in the three counties will aggregate between \$500,000 and \$750,000. The progress made so far indicates that the field will return large dividend on the expenditures, and the men who are interested are investing additional money to make the operations assume a modern and aggressive aspect. Mr. Knight was accompanied by the engineer of his company, and bought the best machinery that the market affords.

"While the existence and character of the fields have been familiar to capitalists engaged in industrial development for several years, the active mining operations began only a few months ago. Mr. Knight says that the air of activity pervades the mining field.

NEW SALEM.

Robt Mahan, Harry Harpending and Samuel Wring are on the sick list.

Our farmers got a move on them selves the few fair days last week.

Mr. Editor, when we read the papers and see the crimes committed all over the United States, and look around us and see how peaceable our people are and how little crime is committed in Crittenden county, we thank the Giver of all good gifts that our lot is cast among such people as live in good old Crittenden.

Our mining interests seem to be taking on some shape again and as soon as the weather gets settled prospecting will begin again. Parties have been through our section in the past ten days taking options where they could secure them.

Just supposing the case: Suppose we had a good turnpike from Salem to Marion, our wagon men would not have to unload their goods in the mud holes all along the road. They could put on good summer time loads and go ahead, but that would not suit; oh no! we had better pull on through the mud, it only lasts 4 or 5 months in the year.

Mrs. Nancy White and daughter Miss Nonie, of Levas, were the guests of Mrs. Henry Brouster, Sunday.

Phelix Tyner has returned home from Arkansas.

Your correspondent was over in our sister county, Livingston last week; we found the woods full of candidates for county offices. Is it not time some of our own boys were getting acquainted with the good people.

Jesus Parker of Livingston county was the guest of his uncle R S Threlkeld.

Mrs. Josephine Tyner has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harris, of Salem, the past week.

Married March 13, Wm Kirk to Miss McWhirter. The groom is one of our neighborhood young men, and his bride is the charming daughter of our neighbor Lish McWhirter.

The smallest tobacco crop raised in this section for years will be planted this season.

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SALESMEN:
William D. Browning.
Robert Hodges,
J. Calvin Elder, Jr.,
David B. Driskill.

Marion Hardware Co.

We never saw so many people complaining of colds and grippe, every family has one or more laid up with one or the other.

Our farmers got a move on them selves the few fine days we had last week, some few sowed oats and started their plows.

Harry and John Harpending both reached home last week, the former from California and the latter from Texas.

We don't know what has come over our farmers for the last year or so. A few years ago every farmer raised wheat to bread him and some to sell; he also raised sorghum cane enough to make all the syrup he and family could use and some to sell, and everything else necessary for family use, while now there is not half enough wheat growing to bread the people and a gallon of sorghum molasses can not be bought. What is the matter? can farmers buy these things cheaper than they can raise them? We think not.

The hay crop in this part of the county will be the shortest in many years, owing to the dry fall and hard winter having killed all the grass sown last fall; hundreds of acres that were sown last fall are being sown again this spring.

Rev Lowery came up to his regular appointment at New Salem Saturday and Sunday.

Trade is getting scarce among the farmers, owing to the long, cold, cold winter.

Benj Davis and family visited relatives Saturday and Sunday, near Hurricane church.

The Press went visiting last week and did not reach our office until Saturday.

Miss Essie Whitt of Frances, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cora Tyner, last week.

Wess Eaton of East Levas was in this section last week talking up a neighborhood telephone; we have made some personal inquiry and find that our people are very anxious for the line to be built; and when our mines open up we think there will be no trouble for Mr. Eaton to get the mine in operation, as it will be in every mines interest to have phone communication with the outside neighborhood.

We understand that the fruit crop is uninjured; that is, the peach crop is safe.

Charley Millikan is arranging to go to Missouri as soon as the spring opens.

Our old friend Henry Brouster has turned his attention to horse trading; if a man does want to trade he had better pass Henry by.

FREDONIA AND KELSEY.

Miss Leatha Wilborn, of Marion visited her many friends here last week.

R M Richardson, a first class blacksmith and woodworkman, is running A S Threlkeld's shop; he is prepared to do anything in his line and is always to be found at the shop.

W F Ackridge and family moved to Marion last week; hope they may prosper in their new home.

George Reed spent Sunday in Princeton.

If you want anything in the blacksmith or wood line go to Richardson at Threlkeld's shop.

Charlie Dobbins rented a farm in the Dogwood neighborhood and moved there last week.

Just received another load of that good Salem flour.
S C Bennett & Son.

Rev Miller filled his usual appointment at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

If you want your horse well shod, take him to Richardson.

Mr Larkin, the depot agent, has moved to Charlie Dobbins' house, near the hotel.

Home made new ground plows and Chattanooga turning plows at A S Threlkeld's shop, Kelsey.

Wanted, eggs, poultry, etc.; also want to sell you dry goods, shoes, groceries and hardware.
S C Bennett & Son.

TOLU.

Mrs Josie Hammond is on the sick list.

J W Waggoner, formerly of Marion but now of Elizabethtown, Ill., passed through here Thursday en route to his home.

W E Dowell went to Henderson Thursday and bought brick for the erection of the bank building at this place. A steamboat load of the brick arrived here this week.

A J Bennett and P B Croft shipped a fine lot of hogs from our landing recently.

C E Weldon and family of Marion visited relatives in this place Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs John Weber and Fred W. Erdman of Evansville are in our town on business with their friend, William H. Temme, this week.

Carpenter C W Stone has been confined to his room several days with rheumatism.

Ed E Weldon and family visited relatives in this place Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of our good people were disappointed on account of the failure of the Tolu correspondent to give notice of the temperance lectures on the 17th and 18th of this month. We are not to blame; we sent in the notice but it was unfortunately "crowded out."

Your correspondent here made a trip to Golconda Saturday to be at the funeral of his sister, Mrs. G S Lewis, formerly of this county, who for a number of years has resided in Golconda.

Dr Moore and wife returned on Friday from Princeton, where the doctor has been attending court.

MATTOON.

Mrs King, wife of George H. King, who has been an invalid for some time, suffered a relapse and died Saturday. Her remains were interred in the family graveyard, Rev John King preaching the funeral sermon. She leaves a husband, two children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

F. E. Davis, of Baker, was in this section Saturday on business. The families of Messrs Frank, Guss and Bart Summerville attended the burial of Mrs King.

Jim Sullivan and Owen Roberts were at Repton Saturday.

John Burton and wife spent Sunday with relatives near Mount Zion.

Miss Winnie Wilcox, of Gladstone, visited relatives here this week.

Americus Burnett, the mineralogist, is spending a few days with relatives here and speaks flatteringly of the mineral prospects of this section.

Mr Cross, sewing machine agt, was here Saturday.